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SOLID PROPELLANT GAS GENERATOR

WITH ADJUSTABLE PRESSURE PULSE

FOR WELL OPTIMIZATION

RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This is in response to the non-final office action, paper no. 14, mailed November 28, 2003. This response is being filed within the first month after the end of the three-month shortened statutory period set in the office action. A separate petition and fee for a one-month extension of time, which resets the due date to March 28, 2004, and two additional independent claims, is filed herewith. No other fee is believed to be due in connection with the filing of this response. Please charge any fee that is due, and credit any overpayment, to deposit account no. 50-0573.

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